

"Christmas and Christian's"

The "TIME" and the "PLACE"

Delicious Table Dainties for Particular People

For nearly half a century the house of R. L. CHRISTIAN & CO. has stood in the front rank as purveyors of Fine and Fancy Groceries, Wines, Liquors and Cigars to the people of Richmond and to many families in and out of the State of Virginia. We have established a reputation that has made the name "CHRISTIAN'S" truly a household synonym for the high quality of the goods we sell and the dependable

service we render. Our stock is at all times complete, and offers a variety not to be found elsewhere in Richmond. Nothing new and worthy but finds a place on our shelves. We carry only the best. For holidays we make adequate preparations, and specialize on those things mostly in demand, supplying our stock with fresh shipments of the best domestic and imported Wines, Fruits, Nuts, Confections, etc.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS SELECTED FROM THOUSANDS OF TABLE LUXURIES IN STOCK

The Gordon-Smithfield Hams

We wish to call particular attention to our own Gordon-Smithfield Hams. These hams have been on the market for about thirty years, and have a world-wide reputation. Orders are received daily from all parts of the United States, and frequently orders come to us from foreign countries. The peculiar system of curing and smoking these hams has been handed down from generation to generation of old Virginia families. The elegant flavor is not altogether made, but acquired by careful treatment and aging. None of the Gordon-Smithfield Hams are put on the market under poor old, but are allowed to season for at least that time in our smoke-houses.

Many of our orders are for cooked hams. There is as much art in the process of cooking as in the curing and seasoning. We employ several old Virginia cooks to attend to this.

TRUFFLES.—"Bartons" Broses. Packed for people who want the true flavor of freshly gathered vegetables.

ASPARAGUS.—"Hickmott's" giant peeled snow white, 14 to 16 spears. Asparagus Tips, delicious flavor, selected. Colossal white tips.

FRESH FRUITS—IN GLASS.—Gordon & Dillworth Apricots, peeled; Cherries, red, pitted; Cranberry Sauce; Pineapple, sliced; Raspberries, red.

CANNED FRUITS.—Apples, Apricots (California), Blackberries, Peaches, Plums, Figs, Pears, Pineapple, Rhubarb, Strawberries, etc.

SWEET PICKLED FRUITS.—Gordon & Dillworth Figs, Green Gages, Peaches, Pears; Mrs. Kidd's "Pin Money."

FRUITS IN CORDIALS.—Red or White Cherries in Maraschino; Figs in Maraschino; Melange; Assorted Fruits; Green Figs in juice.

MARRONS.—G. F. Raffetto.—In brandy, Glaces in vanilla syrup; Cocktail Marrons; Crystallized Marrons, in large and small tins.

FRUITS IN BRANDY.—Gordon & Dillworth.—Apricots, Pineapple, Peaches, yellow, free stone; Cherries, Figs.

PUNCH-EZEE.—Mixed Brandied Fruits for punch.

FRUIT JELLIES.—Bar Le Duc, France.—Rose Leaves, Orange Blossoms, White and Red Currants, Red and White Strawberries, Gooseberries, Gordon & Dillworth—Apple, Crab Apple, Grape, Quince, Raspberry, etc.

MINCE MEAT.—Christian's Home-Made Mince Meat is made by a Virginia lady who has furnished our supply for the last 15 years. We furnish all ingredients. Only the best quality of seeded raisins, the finest California brandy and the best imported sherry is used. We recommend Christian's Home-Made Mince Meat as the most delicious on the market.

GLACE AND CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.—California Raisins, Figs and Dates, Cherries, Japanese Oranges, domestic and imported, in great variety.

PLUM PUDDING.—Richardson & Robins.—1, 2, 3 and 4-lb. Gordon & Dillworth, Individuals; Puddingettes.

QUEEN OLIVES.—Mammoth Full Flavored Queen Olives, pitted and stuffed with anchovies and capers, a most piquant appetizer. Cocktail Olives, Ripe California Olives.

TABLE OILS.—Olive Oil, Italian, French, California. The difficulty in getting absolutely pure Olive Oil is known to every buyer. There is probably more deception in this one article than in any other. We import our Olive Oils direct, and have the manufacturer's and the United States Government's guarantee as to its purity and genuineness.

COLORINGS.—Pure Vegetable colorings, perfectly harmless. For artistically coloring foods, sauces, icess, candies, etc., where a rich

color scheme is desired at entertainments. Full directions on each package. Red, green, caramel, orange, damask rose, violet, chestnut and blue.

NUTS.—We select the nuts we carry with the greatest possible care from the stocks of the best importers, and know that their quality is all that can be desired. Mixed Nuts, Almonds, Brazils, Filberts, Pecans, Walnuts, Shelled Nuts, Salted Nuts, Nut Paste.

LOUISIANA SOFT SHELL PE-CANS.—These nuts are larger than any on this market, are specially selected, and can only be procured here.

FRESH FRUITS.—Apples—Wine Saps, Stayman Saps, Delicious, Lady Apple, Al-bemarle Pippin, Roman Beauties, Spitzen-berg, Lemons, Oranges, Tangerines, Grape Fruit, Bananas, Malaga Grapes, Pineapples, Cranberries. We make a specialty of baskets of Fresh Fruits.

Wines and Liquors

We give our best efforts to obtaining the finest Brandy, Claret, Sauternes, Sherries, Burgundies, Ports, Madeiras, Rhine and Moselle Wines, Morewood Straight Liqueur, Scotch and Castle Bellingham Irish Whiskies. We make a specialty of "Virginia Mountain Whiskies." To enumerate in detail the various brands of wines carried in stock would be impossible here, but we desire to call your special attention to the following:

SHERRY.—Natty Solero, a superb dessert wine imported from Gonzales Byass & Co., Spain.

MADEIRA.—Rainwater Madeira, very delicate, wonderful flavor. From Blandy Bros. & Co., Funchal.

PORT.—London Dock, Tawny, extra fine and old. From Silva & Cosens, Portugal.

CHAMPAGNES.—Imported and American. All the best known and most popular brands in stock.

Huyler's Candies and Confectionery

Are considered the best and purest American Candies made, and are too well known to require comment from us. We sell large quantities, and consequently replenish our stock frequently. Our customers never complain of receiving stale goods from us. We make a specialty of these confections in fancy boxes and baskets, suitable for Christmas or birthday presents, from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each. Out-of-town orders filled promptly as soon as received.

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Quality—Variety—Service

Are the three dominant factors that underlie the policy of the house of R. L. Christian & Co.

Freight Paid on Orders \$5 and Over

Place your order with us. It will be filled, packed and shipped the same day.

VETOES ORDINANCE TO BUY HOTEL BLOCK

Mayor Richardson Declines to Approve Measure for Acquisition of Ford Property Until It is Properly Passed by Council.

Mayor Richardson has vetoed the ordinance in regard to acquiring by condemnation the Ford's Hotel block for a municipal courthouse and annex to the City Hall. It is understood that his reasons for that action are based on the fact that in the lower branch of the Council no recorded vote was taken. When the matter came up on resolution of the Committee on Finance many members understood that it was a mere resolution instructing the City Attorney to ascertain what the block

bounded by Eleventh, Twelfth, Broad and Capitol Streets would cost, which would not have required a two-thirds vote. The resolution, however, instructed the City Attorney to acquire the block by gift, purchase or condemnation, and while the city might have received from the condemnation had the price fixed by the commission, the ordinance was not passed. The Mayor holds that the city would nevertheless have been bound for the costs, and had the commissioners fixed a reasonable price, the city might have been bound for the payment. As it virtually binds the city for the payment of money for the acquisition of property, under the ordinance, the Mayor holds that the ordinance should have a two-thirds vote in both branches. There was little or no opposition in the Council, the matter having been passed by a practically unanimous viva voce vote, and it is believed that it will be at once reintroduced and passed in proper form.

Returned Without Approval.—The Mayor returned without his approval, but did not veto, merely allowing to become a law without executive sanction the ordinance granting permission to the estate of Paul Barham to erect a side entrance into the basement of the house at the southwest corner of Tenth and Main Streets with a staircase guarded by a stone coping and iron railing, in the sidewalk of Tenth Street. The Mayor is known to oppose all such obstructions in the streets, and has announced that he cannot sanction such measures, but in view of the action of the Council in passing similar matters over his veto, it hardly seemed necessary to veto it.

Many Measures Signed.—The Mayor returned to City Clerk Ben T. August, with his approval, the following resolutions and ordinances: Authorizing the payment to the State of Virginia of \$175 assessment tax on the James River Free Bridge.

Authorizing the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to locate the Market Committee recommended its purchase for market purposes.

Appropriating \$200 to contingent fund expenses of James River Free Bridge.

Transferring \$12,000 from account of electrical pumping machinery provided in bond issue for electric plant, to

account pumps at Lee District stand-pipe.

Instructing the City Attorney to acquire land to open an alley twelve feet wide, east of Winder Street, to Tobacco Street.

Transferring \$2,000 from account of sewer to sewer connections.

Transferring \$100 from tuberculosis campaign of Health Department, to account of special vaccination and small-pox.

Special Services to the U.N.O.pom.

Many Sewers to Be Built.—Approving award of contract to L. J. Smith & Co., for construction of a sewer in Hampton and other streets, at an approximate cost of \$26,170.35.

Approving award of contract to L. J. Smith & Co., for sewer in Colorado Avenue and other streets, at approximate cost of \$26,565.

Approving award of contract to L. J. Smith & Co., for sewer in Dance and other streets, at approximate cost of \$12,815.90.

Approving award of contract to S. P. Clay for sewer in Dance and other streets, at approximate cost of \$7,256.53.

Approving award of contract to Javi Perkins Construction Company, for sewer in Davis Avenue, approximate cost of \$5,352.65.

Approving award of contract to J. C. Cheatwood, for sewer in Leigh Street.

Approving the payment from the appropriation for pay roll at the Gas Works of the following allowances for time lost by reason of accidents at the Lower Gas Works: George W. Samuels, \$10 for twenty days' time lost; James W. Enright, \$18 for nine days' time lost; C. L. Butler, \$27.75 for twenty-one days' time lost; Robert Pockington, \$10 for sixteen days' time lost; Charles Maynes, \$20.25 for sixteen days' time lost.

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Resolution instructing the several committees controlling city departments to arrange for a semi-monthly system of pay relief for city employees.

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Enlarge Maury Cemetery.—Resolution transferring property in Washington Ward, formerly used as the Manchester Almshouse and grounds, to the Committee on Cemeteries for use in connection with Maury Cemetery.

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Amending the general ordinance concerning street railways as to require street cars to wait for passengers from other cars at transfer points

and imposing a fine for failure to observe the regulation.

Adopting from January 1 the seal of the city recommended by Mayor Richardson, being a return to the design used prior to 1872.

Extending the time for the completion of the viaduct and street railway system, under the franchise of the Richmond and Henrico Railway, for six months from December 31.

Resolution accepting the proposition of Thomas H. Farrand to deed to the city land to open Nicholson Street, from its present terminus through to the Government Road, the city agreeing to grade the street and construct certain culverts.

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